



State of New Jersey
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

JON S. CORZINE
Governor

LISA P. JACKSON
Commissioner

January 23, 2007

Dear Resident,

Again, thank you in advance for extending me the courtesy of writing you in the collective to make this note speedy. We are enclosing a copy of the advisory for the consumption of squirrels taken from the area of the Ringwood Mines Superfund site.

As you know we have been working closely with USEPA and the state and federal health agencies to move forward as quickly as possible on additional biota studies to be sure that the food supply is safe.

The squirrel advisory as well as the data collected last year from the other small animals and plants will be discussed at the meeting on January 30 at the Municipal Building. We encourage you to attend this session so we can address any concerns that you may have.

The examination of the biota in the area is continuing. NJDEP Fish & Wildlife Conservation Officers collected several area deer during the first two weeks of January. Samples from those deer are currently being analyzed.

Your safety is of utmost concern to us, and for that reason, we will be keeping you informed, as information becomes available to us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please keep in touch (800-253-5647).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Judith Shaw", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Judith Shaw, Manager
Office of Community Relations